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This project utilized a variety of experimental methods to produce thin films of SiGeC on Si for the purpose of creating a heteroepitaxial layer with a different energy bandgap on the substrate Si for applications to bipolar transistors. Growth was performed by combined ion and molecular beam deposition, by CVD and by C ion implantation. Up to 3 atomic percent C was successfully incorporated. Theoretical and experimental bandgaps decreased with increasing C content for up to 1.5 percent C.

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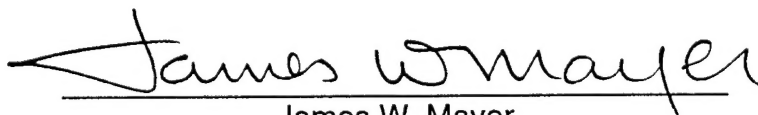
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Summary

- i) Technical problem: Form and characterize layers of SiGeC on Si for the purpose of creating a heteroepitaxial layer with a different energy bandgap on the substrate Si for applications to bipolar transistors.
- ii) General methodology is to utilize a variety of experimental methods to grow the films and to use ion, electron and photon technologies to characterize the films. There is a theoretical effort to predict the energy band structure.
- iii) Technical results:
 - a) Growth of SiGeC on Si, SiGeC layers were formed by ion implantation of C into SiGe (Cornell University and Arizona State University), by Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD) (Lawrence Semiconductor Research Laboratory and Arizona State University) and by Combined Ion and Molecular Beam Deposition at Arizona State University. The key finding was that up to 2 atomic percent carbon could be incorporated to form high-quality heteroepitaxial layers of SiGeC on 100 Si. Under proper CVD growth conditions up to 3 atomic percent could be incorporated; higher carbon concentrations resulted in defected or amorphous layers.
 - b) Analysis. The layers were evaluated by a number of analytical techniques at Arizona State University. MeV He ion beam analysis by backscattering and channeling, secondary ion mass spectrometry, x-ray diffraction, raman spectroscopy, atomic force microscopy, transmission electron microscopy, and electrical characterization. The key results were that carbon could be incorporated on substitutional lattice sites to C concentrations up to 2 atomic percent with strain compensation and layer thicknesses in excess of the heteroepitaxial limit for SiGe on (100) Si.
 - c) Theory and Bandgap Experimental results for carbon concentrations up to 1.5 atomic percent indicate the energy band gap decreases with increased C and Ge concentrations as predicted by theory.
 - d) Principal collaborators: R. Soref of AF Rome Laboratories for fabrication of waveguides and Prof. J. Kolodzey of the University of Delaware.
 - e) Theses and Publications. The following pages list 50 journal publications, 13 PhD theses and 3 M.S. theses that acknowledge ARPA/AFOSR support.
- iv) Implications for Further Research:

This program showed that high quality SiGeC layers could be grown heteroepitaxially on 100 Si. A broader based program was funded by DARPA for a "Consortium on Silicon Nanoelectronics (COSIN)", DARPA Nanoelectronics Program Agreement No. MDA972-95-3-0047, on Silicon-based Nanostructures for Ultra-high Performance Silicon Circuits". The Consortium involves Hughes Research Laboratories, Lawrence Semiconductor Research Laboratories, Arizona State University, Auburn University, Stanford University and University of California at San Diego.

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